

Anti-Slavery Office,

New York, 4 May, 1864.

My Dear Garrison,

I have selected the hymns for our Tuesday morning meeting, and Mr. Lassar has engaged to play the organ and look up some singers. I trust the arrangements will all work smoothly.

Day has agreed to speak. Which of the three - Thompson, Day, Phillips - shall speak first, and which last? I have told Day that I

want him to regard himself as
the representative, for the occasion,
of the colored people; and while
~~be dealing~~ ^{dealing} faithfully with the
government in view of its short-
comings and its injustice, to recog-
nize the immense change for the
better that has ~~at~~ already taken
place, and the bright pros-
pects for the future. I hope
he will do well.

James G. Clark, a man
distinguished as a vocalist, came
to me the other day, with high re-
commendations from persons whom
I know, and proposed to sing
at our Cooper Institute meeting.

He said should ask nothing, except
a few dollars to pay his railroad
fare; and I thought it best to
engage him. He's a warm Abolitionist,
and friends who have
heard him say he sings freely.

I have put you in the
programme for Wednesday night.

I mean, if possible, to print
the report of the Tuesday morning
meeting in the Standard next week.
To do so, I must get everything
that I can in type on Monday;
and I therefore trust that I shall
get your resolutions on the morn-
ing of that day. The very fate of
our meeting may turn on the thorough
preparation and prompt presenta-

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tion of those resolutions. Do make them complete, covering all the points; and then if you are able to stay in the meeting to participate in the debate, ~~and~~ without being distracted by the necessity for retiring to write, I think we can keep the ark right side up. Of course, you will not volunteer as a champion of Lincoln, either in resolution or speech; if you vindicate him at all, it will only be to rebut the unfair charges on the other side, and to hold the balance even.

I remain, dear Garrison,

Yours, always,

Oliver Johnson